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TAGS: PLOS  
SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE LOS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL WHICH  
APPEARED 30 MARCH IN THE STAR OF JAMAICA, THE AFTERNOON  
TABLOID VERSION OF THE DAILY GLEANER UNDER THE HEAD:  
"LAW OF THE SEA":

2. BEGIN TEXT: JUST THE OTHER DAY THE BIG PROBLEM ABOUT  
THE LAW OF THE SEA SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN WHERE TO SITE ITS  
SECRETARIAT. NOW THE PROBLEM IS WHETHER THERE IS TO BE A  
LAW OF THE SEA OR NOT. IN SIX MEETINGS, AND THE SEVENTH  
BEGUN THIS WEEK, IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO AGREE ON WHO  
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OWNS THE SEA-BED IN THE DEEP OCEANS.

THE WORLD'S NATIONS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AGREE GENERALLY ON  
EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM THE ORIGINAL 3 MILES  
TO 12 AND NOW TO 200 FROM SHORE BUT THERE IS GREAT DIFFICULTY  
IN SO APPORTIONING THE OCEAN BED FAR FROM LAND WHERE GREAT  
RICHES MAY LIE. HENCE THE DESIRE TO GET AT THEM.

THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS WITH THE KNOW-HOW TO MINE THE MODULES (PRINCIPALLY MANGANESE) WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE DEEP ARGUE THAT THOSE WHO CAN EXPLOIT THEM SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO SO AND THAT, AFTER ALL, THEY ARE NOT STOPPING ANY NATION FROM SO DOING. BUT THIS IS NO HELP TO TINY NATIONS LIKE ANTIGUA, OR JAMAICA FOR THAT MATTER, WHICH DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO EXPLOIT THESE RICHES. THE SMALL NATIONS REFER TO THE 'COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND' AND ARGUE THAT IN THE NOW TIGHTLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD OF TODAY SUCH BENEFITS OUGHT TO BE SHARED.

UNFORTUNATELY IT SEEMS THAT HERE IS ANOTHER CASE OF "TO EVERY ONE THAT HATH SHALL BE GIVEN" AND THE RICH NATIONS CONTINUE TO GET RICHER INCREASING THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES. END TEXT.  
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